

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual BSHS Bulldog Bite Fishing Tournament:

**Date and Time:** Saturday November 7, 2015, 7:00A.M. - 3:00P.M. at park boat ramp. Boats arrive by 6:30 for boat/livewell inspections

**Location:** Lake Keowee, Pickens, SC Mile Creek Park, Pickens, SC

**Participants:** Open to high school fishing clubs in SC. This will be a TBF tournament.

**Rules:** Rules for this tournament are listed on the back of this page. Anglers and boat captains must also obey all rules and regulations provided by the Youth Bass League, The Bass Federation, and SCDNR. If you have any questions, please contact Kay Hames or April Houser.

**Blast-off:** Blast-off order will be determined by a draw the morning of the tournament as teams arrive. Captain's meeting will be held on the ramp at 6:30A.M.

**Registration:** School/Club advisors or coaches may register their respective teams by email (address below). A registration fee of \$50 per school for five boats will be required to offset expenses. Park fees and/or boat launch fees are the responsibility of the individual schools, teams.

**Registration Information:** Each coach should register each of their 2-man teams by supplying the following info: Anglers, names/birthdates and boat captain. For boat captains: Name, Date of Birth, Cell#. Registration deadline is November 1, 2015.

**Tournament Scoring:** Awards will be given to the 2-man angler teams finishing 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. A trophy will be presented for the "largest fish." If you have any questions, please contact Kay Hames at (864) 491-0279 or email [kay.hames@spartanburg2.k12.sc.us](mailto:kay.hames@spartanburg2.k12.sc.us) or contact April Houser at 864-978-5406 or email [april.houser@spartanburg2.k12.sc.us](mailto:april.houser@spartanburg2.k12.sc.us).

### Tournament Rules

The following rules are designed to promote sportsmanship among the anglers and to provide a fair competition. Failure to comply with any rules may result in a weight penalty or disqualification from the tournament.

1. **All SC DNR fishing rules and regulations apply during the tournament, including fishing license and boating regulations.** All anglers 16 and over must show proof of their license before competing.
2. **All school rules apply during fishing tournaments. No tobacco, no alcohol, no profanity.**
3. Anglers must be age 12-18 and be a registered member of their respective schools club/team.
4. Take-off times will be determined at the boat ramp the morning of the tournament.
5. Safety is the number one concern for these tournaments. All boats must be operated safely at all times. Only captains may drive the boats. Anglers may operate electric motors. **Coast Guard approved PFD's must be worn at all times while the combustion motor is in use.** All boats must have an emergency ignition shut-off device that is secured to the driver/captain's body. Boats must be covered by current liability insurance.
6. Boats should meet the following requirements: be at least 15 feet in length, have rear & bow casting decks, have console steering mounts (no tiller steering), and have an aerated live-well, and current boat registration.
7. **One Captain over the age of 21 is required to be on each team's boat at all times during the tournament.** Captain should advise anglers on boat safety and sportsmanship. Captains may give advice but anglers make decisions on where to fish, how to fish, and what lures to fish.

Captains may net fish, but are not permitted to fish during the tournament (may not tie on lures, remove lures from fish, hold rods, set hooks, or cast lines).

8. Club tournaments will have a **5 fish per boat limit**. **Any team bringing a short (less than 14") will be disqualified**. All fish must be largemouth, spotted, redeye, or smallmouth bass that are **at least 14" in length**. Teams should not possess more than 5 fish at any time during the tournament. Extra fish must be culled immediately.
9. All fish must be caught on artificial lures, and anglers may only use one rod at a time. Trolling is not permitted.
10. Every effort should be made to keep fish alive until they are released after weigh-in.
11. Dead fish should never be culled. If a fish is foul hooked or accidentally killed, the fish must be kept and brought to weigh-in as part of the fish limit. A ½ lb. penalty will be assessed for each dead fish.
12. Boats that are late to weigh-in will be assessed a penalty of 1 pound per minute after the designated weigh-in time.
13. Tournament rankings will be based on the total team weight (a team is two anglers). Ties will be broken based on number of fish, biggest fish, occurrence of penalty, or coin flip.
14. If an emergency occurs, the captain or an angler should call 911 first, and then notify Kay Hames (864) 491-0279) or April Houser (864-978-5406).
15. Inclement weather policy: If lightening/thunderstorms move into the area (within 10 miles of the boat landing), teams will be called and expected to go to the nearest shoreline to await notification of when they may return to fishing. Judgments on if/when to call the tournament will be made the day of the tournament on-site by the tournament facilitator.